

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of the application are respectfully requested in view of the amendments and remarks herewith, which place the application into condition for allowance. The present amendment is being made to facilitate prosecution of the application.

I. STATUS OF THE CLAIMS AND FORMAL MATTERS

Claims 1-32 are currently pending. Claims 1, 8, 15, 17, 24, and 31-32 are independent. Claims 1, 8, 15, 17, 24, and 31-32 are hereby amended. No new matter has been introduced. Support for this amendment is provided throughout the Specification as originally filed, and specifically at page 25. Changes to claims are not made for the purpose of patentability within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §101, §102, §103, or §112. Rather, these changes are made simply for clarification and to round out the scope of protection to which Applicants are entitled.

II. REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §112

Claims 1-32 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as allegedly indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter.

Claims 1, 8, 15, 17, 24, and 31-32 are amended to overcome the rejection. Dependent claims 9-14, 16, 18-23, and 25-30, by virtue of their dependency upon their respective independent claim, are deemed to overcome the instant rejection.

III. REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §101

Claims 31-32 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101 as being allegedly directed to non-statutory subject matter.

Claims 31-32 are amended to overcome the rejection.

IV. REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §102(b)

Claims 1-2, 5, 8, 15-18, 21, 24-25, 28, and 31-32 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as allegedly unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,658,566 to Hazard (hereafter merely “Hazard”).

Claim 1 recites, *inter alia*:

“An information recording devicewherein the memory stores content and media identifier data unique to each media and a block permission table for accessing a permission table that describes memory access control information.” (emphasis added)

As understood by Applicants, Hazard relates to a process for storing and using sensitive information in a security module and to a security module arranged to implement the process, and protect the sensitive information against fraudulent utilization. The sensitive information is stored in an encrypted form using a temporary encrypting protection key CPi, whose content varies over time. The sensitive information is decrypted before being used in a given operation, using a temporary decrypting protection key CPid. Before the contents of the encrypting and decrypting keys are varied, the sensitive information is decrypted with the current decrypting key, and then it is re-encrypted with the new encryption key to obtain a new encrypted form, different from the previous one.

Applicants respectfully submit that Hazard does not disclose or suggest an information recording device wherein the memory stores content and media identifier data unique to each media and a block permission table for accessing a permission table that describes memory access control information, as recited in claim 1.

As understood by Applicants, none of the other references cited, taken alone or in combination, disclose or suggest an information recording device wherein the memory stores content and media identifier data unique to each media and a block permission table for accessing a permission table that describes memory access control information, as recited in claim 1.

Therefore, Applicants submit that claim 1 is patentable.

For reasons similar to those described above with regard to independent claim 1, independent claims 8, 15, 17, 24, and 31-32 are also believed to be patentable.

Therefore, Applicants submit that independent claims 1, 8, 15, 17, 24, and 31-32 are patentable.

V. DEPENDENT CLAIMS

The other claims are dependent from one of the independent claims discussed above, and are therefore believed patentable for at least the same reasons. Since each dependent claim is also deemed to define an additional aspect of the invention, however, the individual reconsideration of the patentability of each on its own merits is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

Claims 1-32 are in condition for allowance. In the event the Examiner disagrees with any of statements appearing above with respect to the disclosure in the cited reference, or references, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner specifically indicate those portions of the reference, or references, providing the basis for a contrary view.

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In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is believed that all of the claims in this application are patentable and Applicants respectfully request early passage to issue of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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